

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 37, 38 and 42 have been amended according to the Examiner's suggestions.

The remaining patent claims are unchanged.

Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment/response be considered by the Examiner and a notice of allowance be entered. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful to the allowance of this application, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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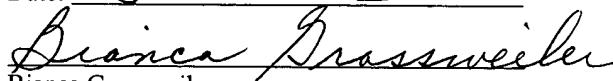


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